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10th Annual Indian Nations Day '05

ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL—The Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs (ACIA), the Arizona State Senate, the Governor's Tribal Liaisons Group, and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) will facilitate the 10th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day (INTLD) on **Tuesday, January 18, 2005** at the Arizona State Capitol – Senate Building.

A joint protocol session, held on the Senate floor, will honor the government-to-government relationship between the tribes and the state, and will recognize the significant economic and cultural contributions made by all tribes to the state of Arizona. Confirmed speakers to date include Senate President Ken Bennett, House Speaker Jim Weiers, San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairwoman Kathy Kitcheyan, Tohono O'odham Chairperson Vivian Juan-Saunders, Hopi Tribal Chairman Wayne Taylor, Jr. and Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr.

Also slated to appear as a keynote speaker is the "father" of INTLD, State Sen. Jack Jackson, Sr. (retired). Sen. Jackson will speak on the history and future of the event and its impact on intergovernmental relations.

Tribal leaders and community members will be on hand at the Capitol during the joint legislative protocol session and legislative committee hearings to discuss issues of vital interest to tribal governments and communities. Arrangements are currently in progress to

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Governor Appoints Outgoing Rep. Jack Jackson, Jr. as New ACIA Director

ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL—Governor Janet Napolitano announced on Dec. 29, 2004 she has named State Representative Jack C. Jackson, Jr., a long-time Native American advocate to serve as the executive director of the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs. Jackson begins his term on Jan. 10, 2005.

"Jack's experience on Native American issues and tireless dedication to Arizona will serve the commission well," said Napolitano. "I'm proud to have Jack continue his public service in my administration."



New ACIA Executive Director Jack Jackson, Jr.

The commission's role is

to assist the Governor, Legislature and the state agencies in working with Arizona's Indian tribes. It also coordinates a yearly Indian Town Hall meeting and the Indian Nations and Tribal Legislative Day each January.

Mr. Jackson is no stranger to the Arizona political and Native scene, as he brings a comprehensive body of expertise and experience to his new role. Mr. Jackson has extensive legislative affairs experience at the national and state level. He represented the Navajo Nation and the Ak Chin Community as a lobbyist, and has worked for the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association.

As a District 2 representative, Mr. Jackson advocated for tribes on a variety of issues. He served one term

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SPECIAL INTLD ISSUE

This issue of the ACIA Newsletter is a special issue celebrating 10 years of Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day! Within the pages, we've included articles from both state and private agencies on programs related to tribal issues, as well as the Newsletter's usual mix of news from the tribes.

We hope you enjoy this special issue, and we hope this helps you get more from INTLD.

The Board and Staff of ACIA gives their best wishes for a productive day of meeting and communicating with your legislators and other state agency officials.

We also want to hear from you about how to make INTLD even better in the future; give us a call at (602) 542-3123.

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in the Arizona House of Representatives, where he was the ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee. He was also a member of the Appropriations and Native American Affairs committees.

Mr. Jackson, a member of the Navajo Nation, is from the Near The Water (Tó'áhaní) Clan, and born for the Towering House (Kinyaa'áanii) Clan. His maternal grandfather is from the The Water's Edge (Tábaqahá) Clan, and his paternal grandfather is from the Salt (Áshjìhí) Clan. He was born and raised on the Navajo reservation in Arizona.



[l-r] State Sen. Albert Hale, Gov. Janet Napolitano and new ACIA Executive Director Jack Jackson, Jr.

In 1989, shortly after obtaining his Juris Doctorate degree from the Syracuse University School of Law, Mr. Jackson moved to Washington, DC where he worked for 12 years representing tribal governments and tribal organizations; his major positions included stints at the Navajo Nation Washington Office, the National Minority AIDS Council, the National Indian Education Association and the National Congress of American Indians.

Upon his return to Arizona, Mr. Jackson worked with the law firms of Sacks Tierney, P.A. as a Lobbyist and Williams & Works, P.A. as their Senior Legislative Analyst.

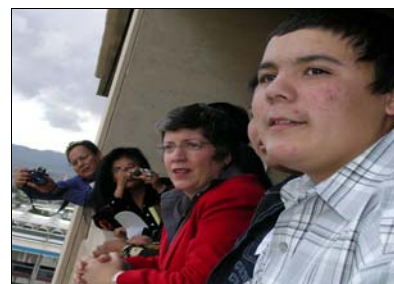
In April 2000, Mr. Jackson was appointed to serve on President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. He also served as a board member for 5 years for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, and currently sits on the boards of Body Positive, League of Conservation Voters, Arizonans for Cultural Development, and the International Network of Gay and Lesbian Officials.

Mr. Jackson says of his new position, "I look forward to working with the Governor's Office, Arizona tribal



[l-r]: Sen. Hale, ACIA Deputy Director Deb Krol, Gov. Napolitano, Jackson and ACIA Administrative Secretary Vera Phillips

leaders and other elected officials to look at new approaches in addressing issues of mutual concern to tribal and non-tribal communities in Arizona."



Gov. Napolitano speaks with Tonto Apache youth at Jack Jackson's appointment announcement on Dec. 29

Governor's Office of Homeland Security Highlights Need for Collaboration Across State, Counties, and Tribal Borders to Fight Terrorism

By Wendy Greyeyes, Governor's Office of Homeland Security

ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL—The Governor's Office recently restructured Arizona's Homeland Security strategy. In 2004, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS) regionalized the state into five regions to develop a more collaborative State Homeland Security Initiative. Each of these regions now has a planner and a coordination council, known as a Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to bring a diversity of perspectives to join the fight against terrorism.

Each RAC consists of 10 members: 1 tribal representative, 2 fire representatives, 2 law enforcement representatives, 1 mayor, 1 county supervisor, and 1 emergency representative. These members were nominated and selected by the Homeland Security Coordinating Council Subcommittee, and approved by the Governor. The final two seats are positions considered by the RACs based

on each region's unique homeland security issues and concerns.

An important function of the RAC is to strengthen collaboration and communication among all stakeholders across Arizona. Homeland security is an issue that affects all Arizonans, and requires RAC members to look at the broader picture in terms of protecting Arizona.

To ensure tribal representation is not overlooked, GOHS is committed to strengthening the relationship between the tribes and the office. In helping to achieve this goal, Wendy Greyeyes was recently appointed to serve as tribal liaison. Her role has been to ensure that the tribes and the state build and nurture partnerships to formulate the strongest, best coordinated homeland security system possible.

On November 16-19, 2004, GOHS Director Frank Navarette and Ms. Greyeyes attended the 3rd Annual Homeland Security Conference, which also included the 1st South-

west Regional Native American Homeland Security Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The conference brought together tribal leaders, the three state homeland security directors from Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, and stakeholders from the region to address the need for continued support. Included was Pueblo of Zuni Governor Arlen Quetawki, who currently sits as the tribal representative for the National Homeland Security Council.

Participants engaged in policy discussions surrounding the sharing of intelligence information, collaboration between states and tribal governments for homeland security funding, examination of the trust responsibility with the Department of Homeland Security, and management of interoperable emergency communications and operation.

For further information, please contact Ms. Greyeyes at wgreyeyes@az.gov.

The Path to Understanding: One Boy's Journey

By Marian Kaanon, Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Jarred James, a deaf Navajo student, recently was the beneficiary of a scholarship from the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) that allowed him to attend the 2004 Inter-Tribal Deaf Council (IDC) conference in Washington State.

James, 18, moved to the Phoenix area at the age of 1 with his mother. Jarred is a senior at the Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (PDS) and will be graduating in May 2005. Thanks to the Native American Task Force coordinated by ACDHH, Mr. James was able to travel to the Inter-Tribal Deaf Council conference, where he was able to interact with other deaf Natives for the first time in his life.

Mr. James went to the conference with high expectations, and he was not disappointed. He was able to hear traditional Native stories, create

Native crafts and interact with other deaf Natives to share their twin cultures – the deaf way and the Native way.

Thanks to the efforts of James and ACDHH Executive Director Sherri Collins, the Inter-Tribal Deaf conference will come to Arizona for the first time in 2006. The conference will take place on the San Carlos Apache reservation, near Globe, Arizona. Tribal members are excited and already planning for the conference, which will be organized by the Inter-Tribal Deaf Council with the assistance of Evelyn Opitz, a local Native interpreter.

Mr. James' scholarship was the direct result of grant funding obtained by ACDHH to initiate a Native American Deaf and Hard of Hearing task force. The task force hosted community feedback sessions at several reservations

around the state, to discuss any gaps in service for deaf and hard of hearing Natives. To read the recommendations and findings of the task force, please contact Marian Kaanon at



Jarred James (right) constructs a dreamcatcher with a new-found friend at the 2004 Inter-Tribal Deaf Council conference.
[Marian Kaanon]

marian.kaanon@acdhh.state.az.us or call (602) 364-1579. For more information on the Inter-Tribal Deaf Council, visit <http://www.deafnative.com/>.

Brain Injury Association to Initiate Native Prevention and referral program

By Gene van den Bosch, Brain Injury Association of Arizona

Native American young males are twice more likely to suffer a brain injury than white, non-Hispanic young males in Arizona. All of Arizona's teenagers and young adults are far more likely than others except the elderly to sustain a traumatic brain injury, primarily because of motor vehicle crashes and violence among youth.

And in Arizona - more than any other state - these injuries are more likely to result in hospitalization and a lifetime of coping with challenges large and small than in death.

Recognizing this issue and its impact on tribal communities, the Brain Injury Association of Arizona (BIAAZ) convened a meeting at the Flinn Foundation in October 2004 to ask a variety of people familiar with tribal health issues to explain this problem, and to offer suggestions for how the Association

can help.

Participants at the meeting agreed that BIAAZ should implement a collaborative statewide response including prevention of brain injuries, awareness of the BIAAZ and its information and referral services, and education about issues related to brain injury.

Beginning in January, the BIAAZ plans to begin a series of six meetings with interested stakeholders from tribal communities and agencies serving tribal communities to create a pilot project in 2005, evaluate that project and then implement a statewide program in 2006.

The Association welcomes new participants. If you would like to help develop this new program – through your time, your expertise, or by providing information, contact Gene van den Bosch of BIAAZ at (602) 508-8024 or gene@biaaz.phxcoxmail.com.

New Tribal-Owned Hotel to Open in D.C.

The **Residence Inn Capitol by Marriott**, a venture of Four Fires LLC, will open in January 2005.

The corporation, a partnership of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians of California, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians from California, the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe of Wisconsin, worked to open the \$43 million residence hotel in time for the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, but weather and the permit process delayed completion.

The hotel is within walking distance of the U.S. Capitol, NMAI and other Capitol Mall attractions.

FMI: Call 202/484-8280 or 703/583-9177. The hotel is located at 333 E St. SW, Washington, D. C.

News Digest

NRCS Moves to New Office

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has moved to a new office. Their new address is:

230 N. 1st Ave. Suite 509

Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

Their phone numbers did not change.

[submitted by NRCS]

Follow-up to Governor's Energy Summit

PRESCOTT-Tribal leaders from 13 Arizona Indian Nations gathered November 5 at the Prescott Resort Conference Center and Casino for a follow-up meeting to last summer's Gov-

ernor's Tribal Energy Summit. The meeting was organized by the Arizona Department of Commerce and hosted by the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe.

Topics discussed included: the problem of rural electrification and the lack of electricity for a large number of tribal homes throughout Arizona. A panel comprised of Dean Smith, Northern Arizona University, Kris Mayes, Arizona Corporation Commission, Jamie Navema, Hopi Tribe, and Randy Medicine Bear, formerly of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority addressed both tribal leaders and state representatives in atten-

dance.

Presently between 12,000 and 18,000 residences on tribal lands in Arizona are without electricity. Among tribes that lack full electrification are the White Mountain and San Carlos Apache Tribes, Navajo Nation, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Gila River and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Communities, Hopi Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and Tohono O'odham Nation.

For more information contact Jim Arwood at 602-771-1144. [Courtesy Arizona Dept. of Commerce]

Groundbreaking at The Four Corners

FOUR CORNERS—A partnership between states and Native American Nations comes together at the only place in the country where four states meet at equal points. State officials from Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico, joined by officials from the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, broke ground on the new Four Corners Park and Rest Area on Nov. 12.

More than a decade ago, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) received hundreds of letters requesting a recreational facility in the Four Corners. More than 350,000 visitors come to this site each year, with as many international visitors as domestic visitors. The Four Corners, which is an international attraction, prompted interest by stakeholders to build a park memorializing the area amongst the four states it represents and the Native American Nations where the Four Corners sits.

A widespread effort to design and build a Four Corners park was initiated by the *Four Corners Heritage Counsel*. After countless studies and meetings with all of the con-

stituents involved in the project, ADOT designed the Four Corners Park and Rest Area. Funding for the \$4.5 million project came in from all four states and the Department of Interior National Park Service, who contributed more than \$2 million to the construction costs.

The *Four Corners Heritage Counsel* will begin construction on the park in the spring of 2005. The groundbreaking was a milestone for all constituents involved. When finished, the park will boast a monu-



Groundbreaking at Four Corners Park, Nov. 12. [photo courtesy ADOT]

ment portraying the four boundaries, flags for each state and the two tribes, a vendor village featuring arts, crafts and food, restroom facilities, and scenic viewpoints.

Representatives from the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain

Ute Tribe participated in the groundbreaking event. ADOT Director Victor Mendez and Utah Gov. Olene S. Walker also helped out in the start of will surely be a beautiful attraction for all visitors of the Four Corners.

The park and rest area will be complete and open to the public by the summer of 2006. [Courtesy Arizona Department of Transportation]

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A traditional Native luncheon will be served on the Senate lawn giving legislators, state agencies and tribes the opportunity to share information regarding programs and resources. And throughout the day, tribal elected officials will be meeting one-on-one with their counterparts at the state to discuss issues, and to form and enhance working relations.

In 1994, House Speaker Burton Barr and then-Representative Jack Jackson, Sr. established INTLD as an opportunity for tribal and state leadership to develop mutual goals, improve communications and ultimately, to craft intergovernmental partnerships to grow and/or enhance sustainable economies and strengthen tribal families and communities.

For more information, contact Debra Krol, ACIA deputy director at

New Tribal Liaisons Assist Agencies to Work With Tribes

Over the past two years, Gov. Janet Napolitano's administration has been committed to working more closely with Arizona's 22 Indian Tribes and Nations. One of her first priorities was bringing in a full-time policy advisor for tribal affairs. Other agencies have also been either hiring new tribal liaisons or adding to their current roster. The *ACIA Newsletter* is proud to introduce the three newest liaisons.

Marnie Hodahkwen joined the Governor's staff as the policy advisor for tribal affairs on August 2, 2004. Ms. Hodahkwen is an attorney who practiced in the areas of commercial litigation and Indian law as an associate with the Phoenix law firm Quarles & Brady, Streich Lang before joining the Governor's staff. Prior to law school, Ms. Hodahkwen worked for the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Community in their Health



Marnie Hodahkwen

and Human Services department. She also worked briefly for the Indian Health Service.

During law school, Ms. Hodahkwen served as an intern with the Gila River Indian Community law office. She is a graduate of the Indian Legal Program at Arizona State University and also received her bachelor's degree in general business administration from ASU.

Ms. Hodahkwen is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the proud mother of a ten-year-old son, Jay. She can be reached at (602) 542-1442 or via email at mhdahkwen@az.gov

Rafael Tapia is the tribal regional representative for the Arizona Department of Commerce. Before coming over to state service, Mr. Tapia spent the last ten years working with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in a number of capacities including economic, community and workforce development. Mr. Tapia was appointed to the Nineteen Tribal Nation Workforce Investment Board and served on other initiatives related to inter-tribal and inter-government relations. Mr. Tapia can be reached at (602) 771-1121 or email at rafael@azcommerce.com.

Department of Education's (ADE) newest Indian education specialist. Ms. Norris is another well-known figure in Indian Country, as she served three terms in the Arizona House of Representatives, once as the legislature's youngest member.

Before coming to ADE, Ms. Norris served as the public relations manager for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

In 1999, Ms. Norris was appointed by Pres. Bill Clinton as one of fifteen distinguished members of the Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities.



Rafael Tapia and Debora Norris

Debora Norris is the Arizona

Ms. Norris is a graduate of Stanford University, and was inducted into the university's Multicultural Hall of Fame in 1999. Reach Ms. Norris at DNorris@ade.az.gov.

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors – Working to Protect Arizona Consumers

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC) is the state agency that licenses and regulates more than 50,000 contractors statewide. In Arizona, contractors include the smallest, most specific trades to the largest general contractor. From plumbers to landscapers to home builders, Arizona licensed contractors are building and remodeling at an unprecedented pace.

In serving the citizens of Arizona, the ROC provides oversight of the workmanship of licensed contractors. The agency accepts complaints, inspects construction jobs and when necessary, orders the contractor to correct ill-performed work. If the contractor cannot or will not comply with ROC requirements to fix a construction, remodeling or repair job, the consumer has access to the Residential Contractors' Recovery Fund, which reimburses homeowners up to

\$30,000 for poor workmanship or unfinished work.

The ROC also looks out for consumers by preventing and identifying unlicensed contracting scams and enforcing state contracting laws. Last year, more than 2,000 Arizonans were conned out of about \$22 million by dishonest, unlicensed contractors looking to take advantage of unsuspecting homeowners. The ROC is working hard to find and punish these unscrupulous individuals by conducting statewide undercover sting operations, unlicensed contracting neighborhood sweeps and by posting the ROC's "Most Wanted" unlicensed contractors on our Web site at www.azroc.gov.

Education and prevention go hand in hand with the agency's new initiatives. The ROC's Neighborhood Ambassador Program provides

neighborhood groups and individual homeowners with the information and tools they need to protect themselves and their neighbors from becoming victims of unlicensed contracting scams. The program conducts a quarterly Neighborhood Ambassador Academy and has already presented to more than 30 neighborhood and consumer groups over the past year.

For contractors, if you would like to become a contractor, but aren't quite sure where to start, contact the ROC's Small Business Advocate (SBA). The SBA provides one-on-one assistance to new and aspiring contractors, as well as a two-hour seminar to get applicants up to speed on all the requirements and steps involved in obtaining an Arizona contractor license. In Southern Arizona, call the Tucson SBA at 520-628-6897 or in Central or Northern Arizona,

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Arizona Site Stewards Program Update

by Mary Estes, Site Steward Program Coordinator, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

In 1986, the State Historic Preservation Office and the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission, developed a volunteer program called the Arizona Site Steward Program.

Currently Arizona has 780 Site

reported 95 situations of site vandalism, almost double last year's reports. During the same period, Stewards reported over 9,000 visits to sites, and spent over 22,000 hours in site monitoring.

Working together, the Stewards, the archaeologists, law enforcement officers, and the tribal, federal and county courts trying cases of antiquity violations, can make a difference. In Tribal and Federal courts, cases involving the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) are taken as serious business.

With county attorneys and in local courts, however, we find that there is not enough time or effort spent on trying to make the case. Archaeological crimes are often seen as a crime against property, while in reality, they are crimes against a culture--Arizona's Native peoples--and robs all of us of that connection to the past.

For the past three years, to counter that perception, the Arizona Site Steward Program, the State Land Department, and the Center for Desert Archaeology in Tucson, part-

nered to conduct training to local law enforcement regarding the state antiquity law, how to investigate a crime scene, and how to make a case for archaeological site vandalism. The last training in September, "Stopping the Thieves of Time" was conducted at Window Rock and was attended by over 30 tribal and county law enforcement officers, including one county prosecuting attorney. The next training is scheduled to take place in April of 2005 in Sierra Vista. For more information on this training, please contact Dr. Patrick Lyons at (520) 882-6946.

In addition to hosting and funding these law enforcement trainings, the Arizona Site Steward Program hosts an annual meeting between geocachers and land managers to make those who use public lands are aware of appropriate behavior on or near cultural resources. The Program has also brought the Site Steward training to jeep tour guides and 4-wheel drive clubs. The Site Steward Program is not just about site monitoring, but about public education as well. For more information, please contact Mary Estes at (602) 542-7143; e-mail: mestes@pr.state.az.us.



Site Stewards training for the job [photo courtesy Arizona State Parks]

Stewards serving in 27 communities across the state. Site Stewards primarily monitor cultural resources, and report site impacts made by humans as well as those that are naturally occurring. From October 1, 2003 to September 31, 2004, Site Stewards

Phoenix Indian Center Names New Chief Executive Officer

PHOENIX—After an exhaustive national search and interview selection process, the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Indian Center (PIC) appointed Patricia Hibbeler as its new chief executive officer. As the center continues to grow in services, and needs continue to increase with clients from the burgeoning urban Native population, PIC is actively assessing its operations, budgets and services. Patti Hibbeler will be an active and crucial part of the stability and growth of the organization.

Hibbeler has devoted the majority of her professional career towards creating and initiating programs, training and research to better the lives of American Indian people. Hibbeler comes to PIC after four years as field research director of a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) grant (through Washington University)

looking at services for Native youth in urban and reservation settings. She was also assistant director for information services for the Arizona Prevention Resource Center with Arizona State University and previously served as bilingual education director for the St. Francis Indian School, St. Francis, South Dakota and director of the Toward a Drug Free Nebraska (TDFN) project for the Nebraska Department of Education.

"We are absolutely delighted to have Patti on board," says Patty Dimitriou, PIC board president. "We went to great lengths to ensure the new CEO's profile closely matched the cultural profile of the Center, the leadership skills the community needs, and the business skills our supporters and corporate partners require."



Patti Hibbeler, new PIC executive director, outside the PIC offices in Phoenix. [photo courtesy Phoenix Indian Center]

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Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

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The Hopi Tribe

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Note: The Commission is composed of 7 Indian members and 2 non-Indian members-at-large appointed by the Governor, and 8 ex-officio members.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM, M-F

Walk-ins welcome; please call ahead if you need to meet with a specific staff member

ACIA Executive Staff

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Jack C. Jackson, Jr.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Debra Krol
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Vera Phillips

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Originally from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana, Hibbeler has resided in Phoenix for the past fifteen years. Hibbeler received her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Montana, Master's Degree from Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska and is completing a Ph.D. in Educational Policy with Arizona State University. The third of eight children, Hibbeler grew up in both reservation and urban communities. Her mother, Sherry Saddler was director of the Missoula Indian Center, Missoula, Montana from 1974 through 1983.

Hibbeler says, "I am honored to represent the Phoenix Indian Center. The board has set an impressive agenda that I complement with my professional and life experiences. I have a solid understanding of the reservation and urban communities, as well as the changing needs and profile of our growing population."

Some of Hibbeler's primary goals and activities will be to conduct a thorough assessment of the Center's capabilities, the community's needs, and how to better leverage the development and fundraising efforts of the organization.

"Our annual gala and Native American art auction is quickly approaching," says Hibbeler. "I am already calling on our existing supporters and look forward to meeting all of the people and companies that help make a difference in the lives of people who rely on our services."

The Phoenix Indian Center was established in 1947 to serve the needs of Native American families who came to Phoenix to sell their arts and crafts or shop for their families. In 1954, the Center incorporated with the State of Arizona as a private non-profit "501(c)(3)" status. Today, the center operates under a \$2.6 million budget with significant support from several tribal, state and federal funding streams. The center is the primary resource of social, economic, educational, leadership, as well as employment and training for urban Native Americans of Maricopa County.

For more information about the Phoenix Indian Center, the annual gala or Patti Hibbeler, please call 602-264-6768.

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call 602-542-1525, ext. 7655 or toll-free outside of Maricopa County at 888-271-9286, ext. 7655.

The ROC stands ready to work with Arizona's Indian Nations and individual tribal members to protect against fraudulent contractors, assist them with becoming licensed to contract anywhere in the state, and to answer questions about workmanship issues. For more information, contact us at 602-542-1525, ext. 7105, or toll-free statewide outside Maricopa County at 888-271-9286, ext. 7105, or visit us online at www.azroc.gov.

Calendar of Events

- ⇒ **Jan. 10: Legislative Session Begins.** Arizona State Legislature, State Capitol, Phoenix.
- ⇒ **Jan. 10: Governor's State of the State Address.** House of Representatives Floor, Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix.
- ⇒ **Jan. 18: Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.** Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix. Call ACIA at 602-542-3123 or see article on page 1.
- ⇒ **Jan. 24-25: Native American Fatherhood & Family Association's 1st Annual Workshop.** Mesa. Call 480-833-5007 or visit www.nativeamericanfathers.org.
- ⇒ **Feb. 2-Financial Education Training.** Presented by the Tribal Housing Initiative. Salt River Indian Community Building. Call 602-771-1000 for this and more sessions..
- ⇒ **Feb. 5-6: 15th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest.** Heard Museum, Phoenix. Visit the Heard's Web site for more information.
- ⇒ **Feb. 19: Ira H. Hayes Parade and Ceremony.** Sacaton. Call 520-562-8484 or Robert Delsi at 520-836-1022.
- ⇒ **Feb. 26 - 27: Southwest Indian Art Fair.** Arizona State Museum, Tucson. Call Darlene F. Lizarraga at 520-626-8381.
- ⇒ **Mar. 5-6: 47th Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market.** Heard Museum, Phoenix. Call 602-251-0255.
- ⇒ **April 2-6: Heard Museum Guild Native American Student Art Show & Sale.** Heard Museum, Phoenix. Call 602-251-0255.

Arizona Community Action

- ⇒ **American Indian Chamber of Commerce:** Meetings usually held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Call Margaret Rodriguez at 480-497-1997 or email margaret@authumki.com.
- ⇒ **Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA):** Organized to promote "environmentally acceptable, culturally appropriate and economically sustainable" Native American tourism. Meets quarterly. 480-315-8187.
- ⇒ **American Indian Veterans Memorial Organization (AIVMO):** Organized to build a national memorial to honor all American Indian veterans. All veterans and their families are welcome. Board of Directors meeting is held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, at Arizona State Veterans' Home, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Room 107A, Phoenix. 602-954-0115.
- ⇒ **Urban Indian Coalition:** Meets at locations throughout the Valley. Call Bonny Beach at 602-258-4477.
- ⇒ **Native American Recognition Days (NARD) Planning Committee:** Call Eric Descheenie at 480-323-9146 for information or to volunteer for October's festivities.
- ⇒ **American Indian Prevention Coalition.** Hosts conferences on wellness, substance abuse and domestic violence issues. Call Lola Allison at 602-258-4498, or go to <http://www.ndns4wellness.org>.
- ⇒ **Tohono O'odham Community Action.** Cooperative venture in Sells that aids traditional artisans and farmers. Call Terroll Johnson at 520-383-4966.

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